



Let's Talk Agriculture

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Upcoming Meetings...

Alberta Canola Producers Commission regional meeting will feature Larry Rudd on market outlook and Jim Jones on lygus bug for next year.

WHEN: November 6/98

(9 am to 3 pm)

WHERE: Devon, AB
(Seniors Centre)

To register, call 963-6101.

Alberta Barley Commission regional meeting will feature market update by Errol Anderson; while malt barley breeder Pat Juskiw will address new barley markets.

WHEN: November 3

(9 am to 4 pm)

WHERE: Westlock, AB
(Community Centre)

To register, call 349-4465.

Stony Plain Seed Cleaning Plant annual meeting.

WHEN: November 23/98

(7:30 pm)

WHERE: Stony Plain, AB
(Provincial Building)

Stony Plain Feeders' Co-op annual meeting.

WHEN: November 16/98

(7:30 pm)

WHERE: Stony Plain, AB
(Provincial Building)



Scentless Chamomile Update

A seed weevil released six years ago as a bio-control agent for scentless chamomile has been successfully established in Western Canada, say researchers from Lethbridge Research Centre (LRC) and the Alberta Research Council (ARC) in Vegreville.

Researchers at the ARC and LRC have jointly monitored the establishment of the seed weevil since its release. Recent surveys show good establishment in approximately 70 percent of release sites.

Scentless chamomile is a

severe problem in cropland and waste areas of the black, grey and dark brown soil zones of Western Canada. With seed production of up to 1.8 million per square metre and no major enemies in Canada, the European weed has spread rapidly.

AFSC Crop Insurance Operations...

Remember to submit your Harvested Production Report within 15 days of completing harvest. Yield records reported by customers or measured by AFSC are used to establish coverage or generate a claim. A late file fee of \$50 will be charged for reports not returned to the district office by NOVEMBER 30th.

Wildlife and Waterfowl Compensation is available on swathed or standing crops damaged by big game, upland game birds or waterfowl. Any agriculture producer is able to claim compensation for eligible crop losses. There is a non-refundable fee of \$25 per section on land where damage has occurred.

For more information, call Bette Strass at 963-0600.

Native Plant Summit

- Interested in tapping into a growing market? For more information, call our office at 963-6101 on this upcoming conference..
- WHEN: Nov.2-4/98
- WHERE: Calgary, AB



Where rural entrepreneurs can research new ventures...

If you've heard the potential of a new crop, dreamed about turning a family recipe into a processing business, or considered opening your gates to tourists, the **BUSINESS & DIVERSIFICATION RESOURCE CENTRE** is the place to check out your idea.

The resource centre offers books, binders, CD-Roms, and more on specific enterprises like alternative livestock, agri-tourism, food processing, horticulture, special crops and much more!

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As well, we have revised our Family Farm Loan. For more information on these plans, please call your FCC Credit Advisor, Glen Svenungard, at (403) 963-6547.

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www.agric.gov.ab.ca



Opportunities and Profits II: Special Crops into the 21st Century

- WHEN:** November 1 - 3, 1998
- WHERE:** Convention Inn South, Edmonton
- WHO:** "Producers looking at the potential for profit in Alberta from these special crops will want to attend"; *researchers, processors, farmers, and agri-business.*
- TOPICS:** Medicinal and Aromatic, Pulse crops, Herb and Spice crops, Hemp and more!



For more information, call our office at (403) 963-6101.

Alberta Horticulture Congress

This conference is a must for anyone considering a horticulture venture. Whether it's greenhouse, fruit, herbs, flowers, nurseries or market gardens, you won't want to miss this once a year opportunity. For more info, call our office @ 963-6101 for a program guide.

WHEN: November 12-14, 1998

WHERE: Mayfield Inn, Edmonton

NOTE: The fee is almost 1/2 price if you register before October 17th!